INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) While the project cost of the Punjab Agro-Pepsico-Tata Joint venture project has increased from Rs. 22 crores to Rs. 50 crores as per the information furnished by Punjab Agro Industries Corporation, there is no change in the capacities approved by the Government of India in the Letter of Intent issued to M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corporation in respect of the Punjab Agro-Pepsico-Tata joint venture.

Liberalisation of Policy for the Setting up of the FPI

2238. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have liberalised the policy for setting up units in the food processing sectors;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the liberalisation policy announced by Government;

(e) to what extent this policy has helped MRTP and FERA companies; and

(d) to what extent the food processing sector is likely to be improved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All food processing industries other than milk foods, malted food and flour and all items of packaging for food processing industries but excluding the items reserved for small scale sector have been included in the list of Appendix-I Industries. All Scheduled Industries falling under item 27(1) and 27(5) of the First Schedule to the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 have been broad banded except those items reserved for small scale sector. Canned fruit and vegetable products, protein and processed food, vegetable based weaning rood, marine products and cattle feed have been delicensed for MRTP/FERA companies subject to certain conditions provided the industrial undertaking is located in a centrally declared backward area. MRTP companies have been exempted from the provisions of Section 21 and Section 22 of the MRTP Act subject to certain conditions in respect of the industries mentioned above.

(c) and (d) The liberalised policy will help MRTP and FERA companies to enter into food processing sector enabling economies of scale to be achieved and also take care of post harvest losses. It will also help in improving the production and export potential.

Review of Buffer Stock Programme for Edible Oils and Oil Seeds

2239. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank wants India to review its ambitious price support and buffer stock programme for edible oils and oilseeds launched only recently;

(b) if so, what are the main points the World Bank has asked for to review;

(c) whether Government have considered their views; and

(d) if so, to what extent the oilseeds price support plan has been reviewed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (d) The Report referred to is an internal document of the World Bank. The report is not published. The views and suggestions expressed in the report are those of the World Bank. The distribution of this Report by the Bank is restricted and the recipients of the report are not authorised to disclose its contents.

Reservation of Scrap for Industrial Units

2240. SHRI SUBHAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain percentage of the scrap produced by the Rourkela Steel